



The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin:

As CEO of the Cedar Rapids Area Association of REALTORS, I want to discuss communications and the lack of consistent cell coverage in the Cedar Rapids area and throughout Iowa. I represent 800 REALTORS in the Cedar Rapids Area and we strongly urge that the Commission put a strong emphasis on solutions that will support broadband coverage in rural parts of America. Despite significant cell coverage, rural and underserved areas still have inadequate coverage.

In order to overcome the high cost typically associated with mobile satellite systems, we are looking forward to the availability of advanced integrated satellite/terrestrial systems. This assures virtually every location in the U.S. will receive broadband access, especially rural and underserved areas. Moreover, this technology would be perfect for REALTORS who constantly use their cell phones for business.

Not only could this approach allow for communications to and from virtually any outdoor location, it could also allow first responders to have an affordable, ubiquitous, redundant and interoperable communications system so crucial to homeland security.

I understand that the Commission will soon determine whether to divide the remaining one-third of the 2 GHz mobile satellite service ("MSS") spectrum between TMI/TerreStar Networks Inc. ("TerreStar") and ICO Satellite Services ("ICO") or take another approach.

I strongly urge the FCC to move expeditiously on this item and support the allocation of this spectrum on a "2x10" basis to these two satellite operators that have already demonstrated a commitment to compete and offer these services. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Jay Iverson
CEO